

PATRICKSWELL/BALLYBROWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

Patron of musicians, and music

Creator God, we celebrate the feast of Saint Cecilia.

We thank you for dancers, musicians, painters, sculptors, poets, conductors, composers, actors, dramatists and all who enhance our lives through the arts.

Enriched by the sharing of their creativity, may we come to know you're creative energy alive within us. Lift up our hearts to you, and we will sing your praises, now and forever. Amen. St Cecilia feast day - 22 November.

ALHomecare: We provide live-in carers for the elderly in their own home. Our service is a lot more affordable than nursing home care. Our service costs from 350 euro per week for a live-in carer. Our website is www.alhomecare.ie or phone Mary on 0879916791.

Ballybrown GAA Juvenile Club are holding their End of Year Meeting in the GAA Club on Thursday 26th @ 9pm. Parents of children playing hurling & football from U6's to U16's are invited to attend. All help needed for our teams for the 2016 Season.

The Christmas Party Senior Citizens Committee would like to thank all who attended their 45 Drive on Sunday last to raise funds for their Christmas Party. It was a great success and a most enjoyable afternoon, a sincere word of thanks also to those who brought spot prizes for the raffle.

REDEMPTORIST CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL: Fr Seamus Enright, Rector of Mount St Alphonsus, recently launched the annual Redemptorist Christmas Hamper Appeal. The aim of the appeal is to make sure that there is food on every table in Limerick city and county on Christmas Day.

Last year the Redemptorists, working with the Society of St Vincent de Paul and local groups, distributed 6,000 hampers across the city and county at a cost of €130,000.

The Redemptorists, again working in partnership with the SVP and other groups, hope to do the same again this year.

Donations may be sent to Fr Seamus Enright at Mount St Alphonsus. Cheques should be made payable to the Redemptorist Poor Campaign. Gifts of food and new toys may be left at the Monastery Reception.

Fr Seamus can be contacted at msa@redemptorists.ie or 061-315099.

Fundraising Dog Night: A fundraising Christmas Greyhound Racing night, hosted by Patrickswell Community Council will be held on Saturday December 5th at Limerick Dog Track. Tickets are €10 each, which are available from any member of the community council or from the Resource Centre. All proceeds from the event go to the Patrickswell Community Development Fund. All support greatly appreciated.

Collection Last Week: Patrickswell: €1095.00 Ballybrown: €950.00

Parish Office Tel: 353454 Email: pwbbparishoffice@gmail.com

Office Hours: Mon/Thurs/Fri from 0930am to 3.30pm.

An evening of Song, Poetry and Carols – 25th November

The Irish World Academy is delighted to announce an evening of song, poetry and carols in support of Rape Crisis Midwest. It is taking place on Wednesday, 25th November in Theatre 1 of the Irish World Academy in the University of Limerick.

Hosted by Joseph O'Connor Novelist and Broadcaster and Professor of Creative Writing, the event promises to be an evening to suit everyone and guaranteed to get people in the festive spirit with a mulled wine reception on arrival.

A number of artists will feature that evening including the Bavard Gospel Choir directed by Kathleen Turner, Cantoral Chant Ensemble, Mary McLaughlin, Noirin Ni Riain, Roisin Ni Ghalloglaigh, Sandra Joyce, Sionna Vocal Choir and the Bavard Chamber Choir directed by Oscar Mascarenas. All proceeds from the event will go towards the provision of services at Rape Crisis Midwest and all artists on the evening will provide their services free of charge.

Masses this Week:

Patrickswell: As normal. **Adoration:** Saturdays 8.00am – 12.00noon

There will be an additional session of adoration on this Sunday 22nd Nov. For 2 hrs from 4.00 - 6.00 pm for THE HOLY SOULS.

All are welcome even for 5 or 10 mins.

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th weekends in the month on Saturdays at 5.00pm, Sundays at 12.15pm.

Ballybrown: As normal **Adoration:** Wednesday 7.00am – 8.00pm.

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd weekends in the month on Saturdays 5.00pm, Sundays 12.30pm.

One month's notice required when booking a Baptism.

Pre-Baptismal Gatherings

From 01 January 2016 we would like to invite all parents who wish to have their baby son/daughter baptised to attend a pre-baptismal gathering which we hope will assist in deepening their understanding of the sacrament of baptism. Godparents may come along for the pre-baptismal gathering if they so wish.

The Pre-Baptismal Gatherings will be held monthly at 7.30pm for approx 45mins

Patrickswell Church on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

Ballybrown Church on the 3rd Monday of the Month.

If parents are unable to attend the pre-baptismal gathering in the Church where their baby will be baptised they may attend the pre-baptismal gathering in another church eg Infant is being baptised in Patrickswell Church parents may attend the pre-baptismal gathering in Ballybrown Church. It is advised that when parents are booking their baptism date that they book their pre-baptismal gathering also.

Bookings can be made with Pauline in the Parish Office or with the Church Sacristans Maria and Pat.

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